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SUBJECT: OMA ON FOOTWEAR

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1. WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH OFF AND ON WITH LEE KI-CHOON OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MOFA) OVER THE PAST TWO DAYS. PROGRESS ON CLEARING UP THE FINAL DETAILS OF THE OMA APPEARS TO BE MOVING ALONG QUITE SMOOTHLY NOW.

2. WE HAVE INFORMED LEE THAT THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES IS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 21 AND THAT A FEW DAYS OF LEAD TIME ARE REQUIRED BETWEEN THE ROK EMBASSY RECEIPT OF AUTHORITY TO PROCEED AND THE DATE OF THE EXCHANGE.

3. CONCERNING THE REPHRASING OF PARAGRAPH 13 OF THE OMA, LEE DOES NOT YET HAVE OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION FROM THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, BUT HE SAID MCI'S PRELIMINARY RE-ACTIONS WAS THAT THE REPHRASING IS A "TECHNICAL" CORRECTION AND THAT THE ROKG SHOULD BE ABLE TO ACCEPT IT AS

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PROPOSED. HE DID NOT HAVE ANY WORK YET ON THE PROPOSED HANDLIN OF THE CLARIFICATION OF ARTICLE 10B, BUT WAS QUITE CONFIDENT NOW THAT IT CAN BE CLEARED UP WITHOUT UNDUE DIFFICULTY. THE OMA ITSELF IS STILL IN THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE, BUT IS EXPECTED TO BE CLEARED VERY SHORTLY.

4. WHILE WE CAN NOT BE SURE YET, CHANCES APPEAR VERY GOOD

THAT THE ROKG WILL BE ABLE TO CABLE ITS AUTHORIZATION TO THE ROK EMBASSY BY FRIDAY OR SATURDAY AT THE LATEST. LEE SAID THAT, IN THE MEANTIME, MOFA WILL INSTRUCT THE ROK EMBASSY TO GET ITS COPY OF THE NOTE TYPED, ETC., SO THAT EVERYTHIN WILL BE READY TO GO WHEN THE AUTHORIZATION IS RECEIVED. WE MENTIONED THE POINT ABOUT COMPARING THE NOTES AFTER THE AUTHORIZATION IS RECEIVED AND THE FACT THAT THIS COULD UNCOVER A FEW FINAL "TECHNICAL" ERRORS. LEE TOOK IT IT STRIDE AND REMARKED THAT MOFA HAS NOW FOUND A FEW MINOR "ERRORS" ITSELF AND HAS CABLED CORRECTIONS TO THE ROK EMBASSY.

5. WE WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH LEE AGAIN TOMORROW AND WILL REPORT FURTHER IF ANYTHING NEW DEVELOPS.

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